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SUBJECT: BILATERAL TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS

REF: MANILA 457

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION TO SECSTATE JAN 10,1975 FROM MANILA
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QUOTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE MANILA 0457

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SUBJECT: MULTIFIBER CONSULTATIONS

REF: A. STATE 273325; B. MANILA 15085

1. MATTER PURSUED JAN. 10 BY ECON/COMMERICAL COUNSELOR WITH
INDUSTRY SEC PATERNO, STRESSING THAT USG VIEWS PHILIPPINE
DECISION ON MFA CONSULTATIONS AS A MATTER OF SOME URGENCY.
PATERNO STATED THAT U.S. REQUEST HAS NOW BEEN CONSIDERED BY
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PHILIPPINE CABINET AND THAT INDUSTRY HAS BEEN CONSULTED.

CONCENSUS, PATERNO STATED, WAS THAT PHILIPPINES WOULD NOT PROFIT FROM A NEGOTIATION IF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE REESPEC-
TING SYNTHETICS WERE TO CONTEMPLATE ONLY HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE.

2. PATERNO CITED, AS COULD EASILY HAVE BEEN PREDICTED, THE FACT THAT SINCE 1971 THE PHILIPPINES HAS AVOIDED LETTING THE QUOTE QUOTA EVADERS UNQUOTE IN TO THE COUNTRY, RECOGNIZING THAT THEY WOULD BE AN EASY DEVICE TO BUILD A BASE. HE RECALLED THE EXTENDED DIALOGUE THAT HAD OCCURRED BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND HIS OFFICE, PLUS TRADE SEC QUIAZON, IN EARLY 1972, AND HE HOPED PHILIPPINE PERFORMANCE (SIC) WAS A MATTER OF RECORD. TAKING ON BOARD THE COMMENT THAT THERE WOULD LIKELY BE INCREASING PRESSURE FOR AN AGREEMENT OR POSSIBLY UNILATERAL RESTRAINTS IF THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION WORSENER, PATERNO SAID GOP DID NOT WISH TO INVITE SUCH A SITUATION, NOR DID IT WISH TO SEE THE COUNTRY SEVERELY DISADVANTAGED BY LACK OF HISTORICAL BASE.

3. BY WAY OF AN OFFER, PATERNO SAID THAT IF THERE WERE SOME REASONABLE PROSPECT THAT THE SYNTHETIC BASE ISSUE COULD BE HANDLED, PERHAPS WITH AN AGREED AJUSTMENT FACTOR, IN A SATISFACTORY MANNER, THE PHILIPPINES WOULD BE WILLING TO UNDERTAKE CONSULTATIONS IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH. HE DID NOT ENVISAGE THAT GOP TEAM COULD BE READY MUCH EARLIER.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT THOUGHTS ON PATERNO PROPOSAL AND WILL AWAIT REACTIONS BEFORE MAKING FUTHER APPROACHES TO GOP.
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